

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1276 - SB 1315

March 4, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Tennessee Election Integrity Act* by prohibiting state and county election commissions, election officials, and employees from accepting funding or contributions, including in-kind contributions, for the purpose of conducting an election in this state unless the funding: originates from an approved government budget, appropriation or grant; originates from a nongovernmental entity and is approved by a joint resolution of the General Assembly during session; or originates from a nongovernmental entity and is approved by the Governor, Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives, Comptroller of the Treasury, and Treasurer if the General Assembly is not in session.

Requires the Secretary of State, members or employees of the state election commission, county election commissioners, and employees of local election commissions to disclose any funding accepted for the purpose of conducting an election in this state from an unapproved source to the Tennessee Ethics Commission.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation establishes approval requirements for nongovernmental entity funding used for the purpose of conducting elections in this state.
- The proposed legislation is not estimated to impact the ability for state and local election commissions to conduct elections in this state.
- During session, the General Assembly could approve nongovernmental entity funding through passage of a resolution within existing resources.
- Outside of session, the Governor, Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives, Comptroller of the Treasury, and Treasurer could approve nongovernmental entity funding within existing resources.
- It is not estimated that any funding disclosures will be submitted to the Tennessee Ethics Commission for contributions accepted by prohibited sources; however, the Ethics Commission could review any additional funding disclosures within existing resources.
- The proposed legislation is not estimated to significantly increase civil penalty revenue remitted to the Ethics Commission for financial disclosure violations pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-205.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'B' and 'S'.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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